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Applicant : KADOWAKI, *et al.*
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USES THEREOF
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants respectfully petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2008 ("Restriction Requirement"). Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including April 10, 2009.

Applicants authorize the USPTO to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** the amount of \$2,350.00 to cover the five (5) month extension of time fee according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of these remarks, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Applicants respectfully submit this Response to the Restriction Requirement from the USPTO on October 10, 2008. Applicant hereby provisionally elects **Group II** (claims 2, 3 (in part), and 4-7) **with traverse**.

This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

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